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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000: communications between the Treasury and the Regulatory Policy Committee relating to the '2.4 multiplier'**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information enquiry of 2 August 2016.

You asked for the following information:

*"· A list of the meetings between the Treasury and the Regulatory Policy Committee between 2011 and 2013 in which the 2.4 multiplier used by the Department of Health to adjust the costs and benefits to reflect the opportunity costs of resources used in health system was discussed.*

*· All the available minutes of meetings between the Treasury and the Regulatory Policy Committee between 2011 and 2013 in which the 2.4 multiplier used by the Department of Health to adjust the costs and benefits to reflect the opportunity costs of resources used in health system was discussed.*

*· All communication between the Treasury and the Regulatory Policy Committee on the 2.4 multiplier used by the Department of Health to adjust the costs and benefits to reflect the opportunity costs of resources used in health system."*

Following a search of records we can confirm there are two email chains from 2011, attached, which are within scope of your request. We are withholding personal data of staff where disclosing it would contravene section 10 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and we are therefore exempt from releasing this information under section 40(2) and by virtue of section 40(3)(a)(ii) of the FOIA. Section 40(2) covers information including personal data of someone other than the requester and if disclosure of that information would contravene schedule 1 to the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40(3)(a)(ii), an absolute exemption, covers the right to prevent processing which is likely to cause damage or distress.

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Enclosures: two email chains between the Treasury and the Regulatory Policy Committee in July 2011.

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